

# CALIFORNIA HALIBUT

A High-Priority Fishery for Management Attention



## Why is California halibut a high priority item?

In 2019, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) assessed the state's fisheries under [The 2018 Master Plan for Fisheries](#) framework. A prioritization process identified [California Halibut](#) (*Paralichthys californicus*) as a species in need of management attention due to potential risks to bycatch species (including sub legal-sized halibut) and from a changing climate.

## What does it mean to me?

CDFW is committed to partnering with stakeholders to make informed decisions about the degree, or scale, of management necessary to ensure a sustainable California halibut fishery. We are interested in learning about your priorities and concerns so we can work together when considering changes designed to benefit the species, fishery, and the marine ecosystem.



## How can I get involved and stay informed?

CDFW is in the initial stages of considering scaled management for California halibut. We are interested in hearing from stakeholders. Visit the [CDFW California Halibut](#) webpage and the CDFW Marine Species Portal [California Halibut: Species-at-a-Glance](#) for more information and for upcoming engagement opportunities, including public webinars.



**For more  
Information:**

Please contact [MLMAFisheriesMgmt@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:MLMAFisheriesMgmt@wildlife.ca.gov) with questions or concerns, or to RSVP for the first webinar on August 12, 2021.